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**Purpose.** To remove Standard and Specifications 313 and 425, replace them with Standard 313 (Waste Storage Facility) and Specifications 313P (Waste Storage Pond) and 313S (Waste Storage Structure), and add Standard and Specification 360 (Closure of Waste Impoundmerlts).

**Backaround.** The National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP) replaced the Standards 313 (Waste Storage Structure) and 425 (Waste Storage Pond) with a combined Standard 313 (Waste Storage Facility). The Pennsylvania Technical Guide (PATG) is being revised to agree with this change. Several changes and additions have been made to the Criteria and Considerations in Standard 313 to address structural integrity and environmental protection.

We will continue to use separate specifications that have been renumbered 313P (Waste Storage Pond) and 313S (Waste Storage Structure) and revised to meet the requirements of the new standard. The standard and specifications should be read before any new storage facilities are planned or designed.

Standard 360 (Closure of Waste Impoundments) was added to the NHC:P and has been adapted for Pennsylvania. A specification has also been added for use with the standard.

This is a new conservation practice. The standard and specification should be read before the practice is planned or designed.

**Filina Instructions.** Remove and replace Standard and Specification 313 in the PATG. Remove Standard and Specification 425. Add Standard and Specification 360. Make the appropriate pen & ink changes to the Index of Conservation Practices.

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